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Mr. Johnson:

CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-08RV14800 – TANK FARM REVIEW

Based upon an initial review of recent events, I consider it prudent to perform a review of the effectiveness of how we manage and oversee the Tank Farms. It is time to take a solid look at both, Washington River Protection Solutions LLC (WRPS) and the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection, to see if we have become complacent or have overlooked advances in monitoring waste tanks. We should evaluate whether we have the right surveillance, event response, investigation, and issues management processes in place. As a result, I request you conduct a review of WRPS Tank Farm management in parallel with the Assistant Manager for Tank Farms conducting a similar review of our federal oversight processes. Given we are on limited staffing due to furloughs, I would like to have a joint scoping meeting within two weeks and plan to have our reviews complete and documented by August 1, 2013.

This letter is not considered to constitute a change to the Contract. In the event the Contractor disagrees with this interpretation, it must immediately notify the Contracting Officer orally, and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Contract clause entitled 5.2.243-7, "Notification of Changes."

Kevin W. Smith
Manager

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cc: W. C. Clark, WRPS
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